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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-26 are pending in the application. Claims 7-13 are allowed. Claims 1-6 and 14-26 are rejected.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C.§ 102

Claims 14-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Inoue, U.S. Patent No. 6,851,043 (herein referred to as Inoue). Claim 15 has been cancelled. Independent claim 14 has been amended to make it allowable for at least all the same reasons that claims 7-13 are allowable. Dependent claims 16-18 are allowable as depending from an allowable independent claim.

Accordingly, applicants respectfully request that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C.§ 103

Claims 1-6, and 19-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Inoue in view of McCrocklin et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,761,733 (herein referred to as McCrocklin). Independent claims 1 and 19 have been amended to make them allowable for at least all the same reasons that claims 7-13 are allowable. Dependent claims 2-6 and 20-26 are allowable as depending from an allowable independent claim.

Accordingly, applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claims 1-6 and 19-26 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) be withdrawn.

For all the above reasons, the Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

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The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (408) 975-7500 to discuss any matter concerning this application.

The Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

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